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Session 1: Word List

- tint** *n.* a shade or small amount of a color
synonym: hue, stain, pigment
(1) rosy **tint** lip, (2) **tint** color
This flower has milky white petals with a pink **tint** on its edges.
- intensify** *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen
(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship
Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- preconceived** *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions
We should start a discussion from scratch with no **preconceived** ideas.
- veil** *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym: inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job
The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike
The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**
His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

Session 2: Spelling

1. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
2. t__t color *n.* a shade or small amount of a color
3. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
4. un_____ed job *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
5. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
6. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
7. rosy t__t lip *n.* a shade or small amount of a color
8. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
9. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
10. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
11. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 1. veil, 2. tint, 3. astonishing, 4. unskilled, 5. preconceived, 6. avert, 7. tint, 8. veil, 9. intensify, 10. avert, 11. astonishing

12. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
13. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
14. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
15. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
16. je_____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 12. intensify, 13. preconceived, 14. jealousy, 15. unskilled, 16. jealousy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
2. The _____ worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.
adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
3. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
4. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
5. This flower has milky white petals with a pink _____ on its edges.
n. a shade or small amount of a color
6. He lifted her _____ with both hands.
n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
7. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 1. preconceived, 2. unskilled, 3. avert, 4. jealousy, 5. tint, 6. veil, 7. intensify

8. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

ANSWERS: 8. astonishing